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ONE WHO KNEW THE PROPHET

(Editor's Note: Sister Josephine Mayberry Braley, wife of the late Gaston L. Braley, Stake patriarch, has recently completed a biography of her father, Joseph Younger Mayberry, who passed away in 1888 at Franklin, Idaho. He was one of the pioneers; he knew personally the Prophet Joseph, and as a youngster went through the persecutions and tests of the Church's early days. A condensation of the biography has been prepared for THE MESSENGER by Patriarch I. B. Ball, and will be published from time to time in these columns.)

Living directly across the street in Independence, Missouri, from the Church Printing Office, young Joseph Mayberry, then just ten years of age, was the unwilling witness of most of the terrible mobbings of the Saints of those dark days. The last installment ended with November 4, 1834, "when the fury of the godless mob struck again at Independence."

The people moved out of Independence a short distance from the city limits, and word was sent to the other outlying branches of the Church for help. But even then the mob outnumbered them three to one. Shots were fired from both sides. The mob approached the hovering women and children, threatening them with death if they did not tell where their men were. Horses were turned into the corn fields to trample the corn and to discover any hiding saints. Shots were again fired before the mob dispersed, leaving some horses in the corn fields, and two of their men on the battle field. One of the saints was wounded and died the following day.

The next day wild rumor spread like wildfire and a greater mob came running from all sides. Finally, a so-called militia approached under the direction of Lieut. Gov. Boggs, and Col. Pitcher, two men who had been part of the mob of the previous July. The saints were assured that the militia had come for their protection, but little confidence was placed in their word or good intentions.

In a short time Col. Pitcher informed the saints that there was no alternative than for the saints to leave the county at once. They were also told that the leaders of the Church would have to be given up to be tried for the murder of the two mobbers who had been killed in the fighting above mentioned, but no mention was to be made of the murder of saints nor of their losses. Moreover Col. Pitcher demanded that the saints give up their firearms. Upon the saints refusing to do this unfair and imprudent thing in the face of such ruthless scoundrels, the Colonel and Lieut. Gov. Boggs both assured the saints on their word of honor that by surrendering their arms all further trouble would be averted, and the saints would be protected in their rights.

But what actually happened? No sooner had the saints given up their arms, than these arms were distributed among the mobbers. Then followed atrocities beyond description, such as remind one of the outrages now being visited among the defenseless Jews under German rule. The mob came by hundreds from every direction, on foot and on horseback, cursing and profaning, bursting into homes, beating and burning the now defenseless saints and their homes, threatening to kill all before nightfall, if any were then remaining in the land. All this by a mob led by state officials and ministers. For two days this terrible scene was enacted upon a defenseless people.

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MISSIONARY RETURNS HOME

Boyce Carr

After completing twenty-eight months of Missionary service in The Netherlands Mission, Boyce Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carr of Berkeley, was honorably released from his missionary labors May 28. Boyce will study music for a short time before returning home.

During his work in the mission field Boyce has spent much of his time working with music in the church. He has been in charge of the mission orchestra and instrumental work and as his concluding job before being released, he was assigned the direction of the opera, "Martha." It was presented by the church group in the Utrecht Branch, one of the largest in the Mission.

After spending one year in Munich studying music, Boyce will make a tour of several of the European countries including France, England, Belgium and Switzerland.

According to present plans he will take up work at the University of California upon his return home. THE MESSENGER joins his many friends in wishing him well in his new field of study.

DIMOND WARD YOUTH IS MARRIED IN TEMPLE

Shirl Shurtliff of Dimond, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Shurtliff of Oakland, and Gladys Daybell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Daybell of Garfield, Utah, were married Wednesday, June 29, in the Salt Lake City Temple. After the wedding the young couple will spend some three weeks visiting in Utah, Idaho, Oregon, and Yellowstone Park. Shirl has been active in church affairs in Dimond Ward. They will make their home in Oakland where Shirl will continue his work with the United Parcel Service Company.

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THE INDIVIDUAL IN SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL FORECASTING AND PLANNING

By SAMUEL H. McCONNELL

(Editor's Note: Samuel H. McConnell was graduated from the University of California last May with a major in Economics. He joined the L. D. S. Church in January, 1937, after becoming interested in the M. I. A. work, and served as secretary last year in the Young Men's organization. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. McConnell of Sacramento.)

The Mormon Church, in dealing with social reform and adjustment, is using a method that differs from that used by the other denominations of Christian churches. The plan is based on the development of the individual, which was the method taught and practiced by Christ, and does not, like many others, pre-suppose a new social order. The social security program of the Church is the preparation of the individual physically, mentally and morally to take part in the existing social order, and provides the organization to help its members to do this. The issues of the materialistic and religious conceptions of life are outlined and taught by the priesthood of the Church with emphasis on the individual character and personality.

Jesus helped often in material things but would promise no security in a material world. To rich and poor alike, He would preach the eternal values of a higher Kingdom as the key to a more abundant life in our temporal world.

Instead of institutionalizing the weak, our program is to humanize the strong through cooperation and organization. The abundant life for the individual or the nation can be achieved through personal competence and the achievement of ideals and not through the shifting of wealth from one group to another or by a dependence on the Government or even on the Church. I contend that this more closely follows the methods of Jesus than trying to revamp the social order or plan by action from religious sources.

No doubt our social-economic institutions are imperfect, but they can be brought closer to perfection only by individuals who are themselves more perfect. This last, is the kernel of Mormonism and is not only the goal of eternal progression but the reason for improving our temporal existence.

A group of students here have recently inquired into the relation between business forecasting and spiritual forecasting, using the historical method of comparison. They found that the times had much to do in shaping the course of the individual and that they were represented in and indicative of both types of forecasting. Spiritual forecasting is undertaken with the same tools and mechanisms that is business forecasting. The purposes while not identical are similar: to provide for the future a more abundant life both economically and spiritually.

To catalog one's character and personality not through introspection, but through doing things and studying the plan that has been laid out for us is the method which this forecasting should take.

We have heard it said repeatedly that capitalism or the capitalistic system has broken down. It is not capitalism but the character of the people under that system which has disintegrated. The speculative mania culminating

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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EDITORIAL

The twenty-fourth day of July is the ninety-first anniversary of the Mormon pioneer entrance into the Great Salt Lake Valley. There, in the peaceful valleys surrounded by the rugged Rocky Mountains, these courageous souls carved out of a wilderness a civilization and empire that have been the surprise of a sceptical and curious world.

These great men and women have not only passed on to their posterity a garden spot where once the arid sands were swept by scorching winds, but also the spirit of righteous adventure. In order that the memory of these intrepid searchers for religious freedom might be perpetuated and that the spirit that made possible their achievements might be preserved, their daughters have organized into what is known as the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

This organization has grown from year to year until now we have a company and several camps within the confines of our Stake. All the sisters who are descended from pioneer stock are urged to affiliate with this organization and do their part in keeping alive the spirit of accomplishment, faith, love, service and loyalty that emanates from the lives of these great forbears. God bless the memory of the Utah pioneers and the lives of their daughters.

CELEBRATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary, Bishop and Mrs. Alma D. Erickson of Berkeley entertained at a reception at their home, Saturday afternoon, June 18, at which their many friends extended them best wishes. The event was also a reception celebrating the marriage of Helen Riches, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Riches of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Berkeley Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alma D. Erickson. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Erickson, father of the groom. The young couple will reside in Berkeley.

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STAKE PRESIDENCY'S MESSAGE

WARD TEACHERS MESSAGE

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DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:
Will you, at the end of the first Sunday in the next few months, ask yourselves this question, "Did I honestly fast this day?"

In times of ancient Israel the "Fast" was observed mostly in times of sorrow or extremely solemn occasions. Under the Law of Moses one fast day per year was customary, but in addition to this set day, other fast days were observed. David fasted and prayed when his child was sick; Moses fasted forty days on Mount Horeb, and the Saviour also fasted for forty days in the wilderness. There are many Book of Mormon accounts of strength and blessing attending the people as a result of fasting and prayer.

Current church history tells of several instances when fasting and prayer brought direct blessings from our Father in Heaven. During all ages the children of God have been spiritually fed and strengthened through obedience to the will of the Lord that they should seek him through fasting and prayer.

In modern times the first Sunday in the month is set apart as a day on which the Saints are urged to fast and pray. The purpose of this appointment is not to demonstrate before the world our willingness to sacrifice and "to fast as hypocrites who look sad and distort their countenances, in order to be seen by men, but to appear as if going to a social function, in order that God, who seeth in secret may reward them openly." All Saints are urged to observe the fast day and enjoy the blessings that come therefrom. When fasting, members of the Church are advised to abstain from two meals each fast day and contribute as a donation the amount saved thereby for the support of the worthy poor; also, by prayer in connection with fasting, to develop spiritual power. The main thing to encourage is the spirit of fasting.

The women of the Church—the mothers, wives and daughters of Zion—will exercise a marked influence upon the Welfare plan. The obligation ever resting upon the sisters seems to have been to "provoke the brethren to good works." Any man holding the Priesthood will labor more graciously and effectively if encouraged and inspired by a mother, a wife, a daughter, or a sweetheart. In turn, such a man is generally a happier and more devoted son, husband, brother or lover. The Lord has ordained that the women shall be organized as the Relief Society. This organization is an auxiliary to the Priesthood, and among its other duties is to assist in carrying out the Welfare work of the Church will move forward rapidly.

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Wisdom should be used in all cases, of course, and people who are ill and in need of nourishment should not be held to a fast. No more should little children who do not understand the principle be compelled to observe the fast day. "But those should fast who can, and all classes among us should be taught to save the meals which they would eat, or their equivalent, for the poor. None are exempt from this; it is required of the Saints, old and young, in every part of the Church. It is no excuse that in some places there are no poor. In such cases the fast donation should be forwarded to the proper authorities for transmission to such Stakes of Zion as may stand in need." (Gos. Doc.)

Will you ask yourself at the end of next fast day the question, "Did I fast today?"

Sincerely your brethren,

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in the year 1929 was not different in essence from some frantic attempts which have been offered currently toward the slight-of-hand achievement of the more abundant life. The desire to get something for nothing or without serious responsibility was the dominating motive which had fled to the prairies, confused and still molested by enemies on horseback. Their wanderings for days and for freezing nights was marked by the bloodstains from bleeding feet. The untold suffering that the Mayberry family had then and there endured for the Gospel sake can better be imagined than told.

In their haste families had been separated. Men were looking for their wives and children, women were looking for their husbands and children; children, crying, were seeking for their mothers and fathers. Some had been able to rescue a few belongings and bedding, others were almost totally despoiled of everything except the clothes they wore.

The public at large today is speculating madly in theories of social security, social justice, etc., by means of horse races, lucky numbers, chain letters, old age pensions and other mechanical devices calculated to produce happiness without pain. So long as the emphasis in American life and manners remains on a standard of living materially, rather than on a standard of character in accord with the superior principles of religion, we will continue to decay.

Like the Roman Empire, the decline of the American Republic can be seen by historical comparison of the hardships of our religious forefathers and their mode of life or even of the pioneers in the western states, to the material prosperity which recently has all but strangled the nation economically and morally.

The Church in its effort to help remedy many of these situations has provided the authority and the organization for doing things; individual initiative and cooperative action are needed to make it bear fruit.

A fitting climax for this paper comes in the form of a personal and pertinent question:

"If the people seek God and a restatement of the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Jesus, will the ministry given them a social economy planned to adjust production to consumption requirements?"

And one of perhaps many answers might be chosen from Matthew and Luke:

"If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?" "But seek ye the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you."

It is suggested that the ward teachers also discuss in every home the value of fasting, and the need of fast offering contributions and other donations to sustain the program.

Budget assignments have been made in all the stakes for food, clothing, and other commodities. Discuss this phase of the program, and encourage members to support the Priesthood quorum, Relief Society, Ward and Stake projects.

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BERKELEY WARD

The Home-Builders class of the Primary entertained their mothers at an informal tea Saturday afternoon, June 4. A program was given by the girls and a social enjoyed. Refreshments were prepared and served by the girls to the mothers and girls.

Mrs. Marie Thomas is spending a month with relatives and friends in Utah.

Dr. L. P. Monson and daughters, Joan and Elizabeth, left for Salt Lake City June 25. From Salt Lake City Dr. Monson will fly to New York, and sail from there for Europe June 29. He will spend the summer touring Europe and study for some time in Vienna before returning in the fall.

President W. Glenn Harmon spent three weeks in Washington, D. C., on business.

On Saturday, June 20, the Church History girls' class of the Sunday School spent the day at John Garber Park. Mrs. Esther Russell, the class teacher, was in charge of the outing.

Ione Casto and Linton Buskirk were married on June 10, in Palo Alto, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Casto. Bishop Erickson performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. George D. Casto were former Berkeley Ward members. Mr. Buskirk is the associate editor of Berkeley Erickson on the *Advertisers Digest*. The couple will reside in Berkeley.

swampy and very undesirable, especially in the month of November, still the sorely afflicted saints were thankful for some place to live. Word was sent to the Prophet of the sad plight of the Church in Missouri, and their suffering. Immediately food, clothing and other necessities were gathered, and with a company of saints from Kirtland (Zion's camp) were brought to aid and succor the afflicted people.

(Another installment will appear in a later issue.)

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ELMHURST WARD

A bridal shower was given for Miss Elma Behunin, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Violet Smith. There were about thirty ladies present.

Ivan Pearson and Weston Johnson have gone to Utah for a two weeks' trip.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Rachel Brown and family in the loss of their son. The family returned to Arizona for the funeral service.

Mr. R. T. Cox has gone to Utah. While there he plans on doing some Temple work.

We are glad to know that Jackie Paine was not seriously injured when he was struck by an automobile recently.

Mrs. Inez McFarlane, Mrs. Maude Pearson and Miss Harriet Hutchinson were released from the Primary.

Everyone present at Sunday School, June 19, enjoyed a splendid program in honor of Father's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Leith Pearson have moved to Piedmont.

The Primary organization has been re-organized with Mrs. Ena Hunter, president; Mrs. Jessie Stock, first counselor, and Mrs. Violet Smith as second counselor.

Miss Elma Behunin and Mr. Vaun Moody were married in the Manti Temple, June 20.

Mrs. R. E. Stock, who was operated on recently, is progressing satisfactorily. We hope she will be up and around soon.

The Primary held a very lovely party in honor of Mrs. McFarlane, Mrs. Pearson and Miss Hutchinson. Gifts were presented to the resigning officers.

We extend our appreciation to Mr. A. R. Johnston for his efforts in the past and for signing the contract to supervise the work on the building. We will start work on the building proper immediately.

Ralph Lakness has gone to Fort Winfield Scott, near San Francisco, for training as Reserve Officer in the Coast Artillery. This is one of his regular subjects at the University of California, where he will be a senior next school year.

OAKLAND WARD

Axel Larson is reported to be slowly regaining strength. He is still confined to his bed.

Vera Mayhew is in Salt Lake City, where she will attend the wedding of her sister.

Alta McClay recently journeyed to Los Angeles, met her mother and brought her to Oakland for a short visit, then accompanied her to Salt Lake City.

Clara Chase was called to Utah when her sister's husband passed away. Mrs. Chase had planned to spend her vacation in Utah, and will carry out her plans after the funeral.

Easton Willey has returned from an ocean voyage. We are happy to welcome him home.

On June 16, after choir practice, the choir members made candy in the church kitchen.

Reed and Wanda Chase are comfortably settled in their new home.

The members of the Genealogy Society enjoyed a barbecue party in the patio at the church on June 13.

The primary graduated five boys on Sunday evening, June 19. They are Thomas Gain, Eldon Johnson, Carol McClay, Donald Naylor and Don Miller.

Elwin and Peggy Bagley have moved to Weaverville, where Elwin will take up a new position. Stanley Carr is taking his place as leader of the Junior Book of Mormon Club.

We regret that three of the Ward members, Elizabeth Burditt, Jennie Woolf and Bobbie Chapman, are confined to hospitals.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Hughes, Alameda, a son and a daughter, June 7.
To Dr. and Mrs. M. P. Ream, Elmhurst, a son, May 30.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Johnson, Berkeley, a son, June 12.
To Mr. and Mrs. Reed Gardner, Berkeley, a daughter, June 20.
To Mr. and Mrs. Melvern Byrne, Berkeley, a daughter, May 16.
To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fawiks, Berkeley, a son, May 26.

BLESSINGS:

Irene Rae Barney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barney, Oakland.
Lowell Thorson Carruth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell L. Carruth, Oakland.
Doris Rae Nicolo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nicolo, Oakland.
Sandra Stayner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis C. Stayner, Oakland.

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

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Betty May Elliott, Oakland.
Mrs. Undine Elliott, Elmhurst.
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Orrin Richardson, Teacher, Alameda.
Tommy Keller, Deacon, Alameda.
James Donald Sharp, Priest, Oakland.
Robert H. Bradley, Priest, Oakland.
Lawrence J. Sears, Priest, Oakland.

MARRIAGES:

Gladys Daybell and Shirl Shurtleff, Dimond, June 29, in the Salt Lake Temple.
Helen Riches and Berkeley N. Erickson, June 18, Berkeley, in Berkeley.
Ione Casto and Linton Buskirk, June 10, Berkeley, in Palo Alto.
Mildred Evans and Robert H. Bradles, June 1, Oakland, in Reno, Nevada.
Elma Behunin and Vaun Moody, Elmhurst, June 20 in the Manti Temple.

ALAMEDA WARD

Alameda Ward ladies have a sewing circle twice each month. Dues are ten cents and the sewing and jam and jellies go for our Bazaar next fall. All proceeds go for the building fund and everyone is invited.

Among the Ward members vacationing in Utah are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Liddle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loftouse, and Lucile and Keith Crandall.

We welcome in our Ward Mr. and Mrs. Theron Hatch from San Francisco Ward; Mr. and Mrs. Stanly Lindsay from Salt Lake City, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hindle, and Mrs. P. Simmonds from Oakland Ward.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Hughes on the arrival of twins—a girl and a boy (Donald Lewis and Donna Lee).

Mrs. H. F. Searc is has her neice, Isaloo Tolman, from Logan, visiting her.

MARTINEZ WARD

Mrs. Elsie Nix is convalescing from a recent operation.

Merle and Orland Skidmore recently visited in Utah with relatives. Their sister, Mrs. C. R. Allen and small daughter, Virginia, and Miss Lora Black, of Delta, Utah, returned to Martinez with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Starr and children have returned from a vacation trip to Colorado.

The adult class of the M. I. A. enjoyed a barbecue supper, June 1st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Einer Johnson, in Clayton.

Mr. O. N. Nichols, instructor at Alhambra High School, was the speaker at M. I. A. joint meeting, June 5th.

President Clyde Summerhays, of the Stake Presidency, was our speaker at Sacramento meeting, June 19th.

Mrs. Andrew Easton and son, John, of Kemmerer, Wyoming, have been visiting at the home of their son and brother, Andrew Easton, Jr., for two weeks. Mrs. Andrew Easton, Jr.,

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accompanied them on a trip to Los Angeles, where they visited another son, Alex, of Huntington Park.

Clarence Bernards has been transferred to Red Bluff. We regret losing Mr. Bernards and family from our Ward. He was first counselor in the Y. M. M. I. A. A surprise farewell party was given Mr. and Mrs. Bernards, June 10th. Thirty-five were present.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Aiken entertained the cast of the M. I. A. Stake opera, "The Chimes of Normandy," at an informal party at the Richmond Rod and Gun Club. Over sixty were in attendance to enjoy swimming, dancing, games and a weenie bake.

A formal party was given late in May by Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cummings and their daughter, Betty June, at their home on the Arlington. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hansen of the Mutual Stake board and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gealta of the Sunday School Stake board.

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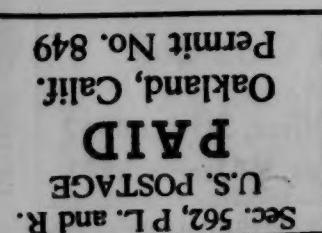
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